

to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-315-000]

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authority

April 16, 1999.

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT), P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, filed in Docket No. CP99-315-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon certain facilities, located in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, under REGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

REGT proposes to abandon a 1-inch delivery tap located in Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 7 West, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, on a gathering line owned and operated by Reliant Energy Field Services, Inc. REGT states that this delivery tap has been inactive for twelve months and previously provided service to Reliant Energy Arkla, a distribution division of

Reliant Energy, Incorporated (Arkla). REGT declares that Arkla provided distribution service to a small industry customer, Jan-Mar Oil Corporation (Jan-Mar).

REGT asserts that Arkla has not received gas through this delivery tap for delivery to Jan-Mar in more than a twelve month period. REGT states that Arkla and Jan-Mar have been notified of this abandonment. REGT declares that no active service will be affected by the abandonment of this tap.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket Nos. SA99-25-000, SA99-26-000, SA99-27-000, SA99-28-000, SA99-29-000 (Not Consolidated)]

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.; Notice of Petition for Dispute Resolution or, Alternatively, and Adjustment

April 16, 1999.

Take notice that on March 10, 1999, Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. (Texaco), filed a petition for dispute resolution and adjustment under Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA 15 U.S.C. 3412(c)) and Rules 1101-1117 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.1101-385.1117).

Pipeline	Docket No.
Colorado Interstate Gas Company	1 SA99-25-000
Northern Natural Gas Company	2 SA99-26-000
Panhandle Eastern Pipe Company	3 SA99-27-000

Pipeline	Docket No.
Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.	4 SA99-28-000
KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company	5 SA99-29-000

¹ Changed from GP99-10-000.

² Changed from GP99-11-000.

³ Changed from GP99-12-000.

⁴ Changed from GP99-13-000.

⁵ Changed from GP99-14-000.

Texaco requests that the Commission resolve its dispute with the pipelines by holding that settlements and/or release agreements resolved all issues, including those associated with Kansas ad valorem tax dispute resolution and adjustment, between the parties. Texaco contends that by agreeing in the settlement to forego claims it for nonperformance it otherwise could have continued to pursue, Texaco agreed to accept total payments under the contracts that did not exceed the MLP ceilings multiplied by the total volumes represented by each pipeline's nonperformance. In such circumstances, no refund should be required. To order otherwise would prevent Texaco from receiving the very benefits it bargained for in the settlements—settlements that the Commission itself strongly encouraged as a means to resolve the massive take-or-pay and underpayments liabilities of interstate pipelines and make the transition to a more market-responsive and competitive environment.

Texaco maintains that the pipelines and consumers benefitted from agreements and settlements because the settlements allowed the pipelines to avoid the much higher costs that full-performance of the contract would have entailed. By resolving "all claims" relating to, inter alia, "contractual price", the settlements resolved the Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursement issue. The Commission has found that these settlements served the public interest. Texaco's petitions are on file with the Commission, and they are open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and